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SUBJECT: AWARD FOR RADM CERVERA

FOR: EUR/IB JACK SMITH

1. AS YOU KNOW LAST FALL WE PROPOSED LEGION OF MERIT FOR RADM ALBERTO CERVERA, CHIEF OF NAVAL SECTOR OF CATALUNA WHO RETIRES IN AUGUST, IN VIEW OF EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES RENDERED IN CONNECTION WITH HEAVY LOAD OF VISITS TO THIS PORT BY UNITS OF SIXTH FLEET.

2. CERVERA FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES WILL ACTUALLY BE LEAVING BARCELONA IN LATE JULY AND IF AWARD IS TO BE GRANTED IT SHOULD BE DONE WELL BEFORE THAT DATE AS HIGH PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE INVITED TO PRESENTATION ROUTINELY BEGIN LEAVING CITY IN FIRST HALF OF JULY FOR SUMMER VACATIONS. FOR IMPACT AND PUBLICITY PURPOSES AWARD CEREMONY SHOULD BE HELD PRIOR THAT EXODUS.

3. GREATLY APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO TO SHAKE THIS THING LOOSE. UNDERSTAND FROM COMSIXTHFLT THAT IN PHONE CONVERSATION JUNE 12 WITH MR. RANDOLPH IN OPNAV AWARDS SECTION LATTER INDICATED MATTER PENDING AT DOD LEVEL. REGARDS.
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